

Speak of. I hope he will  
write to you, & say peccavi.  
It is more easy-going care-  
lessness with him than any  
thing else.

You can review him,  
briefly in Am. Jour. Sci. if  
you like. Having prod it out  
with him here, I had better not.  
But I gave him to understand  
that we don't stand putting  
down in just that way, "with a  
ceat."

I get on slowly with my  
work - having to put all  
their letters in order & do most  
of the work anew. And the es-  
tablishing of the original types is  
a formidable matter.

Supposing you & Mrs. Missell  
are back, Mrs. Gray add to  
mine best wishes for the New Year.  
Sincerely Yours  
Asa Gray

Kew, Jan. 6, 1881

My Dear Watson

I think a letter or two  
from me is lying at Cam-  
bridge, awaiting your return,  
which at about 4 weeks had  
not yet come about. Next I  
dare say this will find you  
at your old haunts after your  
long and I hope successful  
and enjoyable wandering.

I want to say to you, that  
we are still lacking here the  
2<sup>d</sup> vol. of Bot. California; there  
are sheets of proof done to the  
monocotyl. As you are wanted  
to see the grasses, and other  
ways the book is wanted.

If I had anticipated the ways  
of Whitney I could have got  
a set of proofs & brought over  
with me in September.

I am fixed here still till about  
1<sup>st</sup> March; and then I must set

back again as early as I  
can

A few days ago Baker —  
good & easy soul handed  
me a copy of the rest of his  
Liliaceae in Nov. Linn.

Joc. — of which an abstract  
was printed in Gard. Chronicle  
long ago.

I took Baker up for quietly  
ignoring — or rather putting  
down your identification of  
Deanevea with Nolina. His  
justification was that he had  
done Nolina long ago putting  
it in another tribe. & he wanted  
not to go back on himself.  
That he had cited your names  
as far as they came in his way,  
and that, as they had very  
poor material of Nolina Grass =  
ana, he did not wish to let it  
alone, and express no opinion  
of his own on the question.

~~I insist~~  
I insisted, with pertinacity  
that by citing "Nolina, J.  
Nots. ex parte" he had expressed  
an opinion & indeed a judg-  
ment, that he had put  
down your determination with-  
out assigning any reason at  
all; that since your paper  
was in his hands he had abun-  
dant time to get from Cam-  
bridge without any thing need-  
ful to verify your announced  
conclusions before his printing  
was done.

Referring to the ~~herbarium~~  
herbarium I should think that  
the 2 specimens that were  
(errata <sup>dey</sup>) one male and one female  
or herm. - female. And with  
great adv & plain talking  
I made him see & acknowl-  
edge that he could make out  
no difference between the genera, to